

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 10, 2008

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, at 7:30 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Frederic C. Crowley, with the following present:

Frederick C. Crowley, Chair, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Karen MacBeth, Clerk, Lisa Beaulieu, Robert C. Thibodeau, David Wagner

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Absent: Mr. Wood

Motion to Amend Agenda – On a motion by Mr. Wagner and Second by Mr. Thibodeau it was VOTED TO APPROVE amending the Agenda. All in favor – All.

Approval of Agenda – On a motion by Mr. Wagner, and a Second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED TO APPROVE the Agenda. All in favor – All

Comments from the Public – Joe Vela spoke regarding mileage reimbursement – he submitted a letter (see attachment)

Reports of Standing Committees –

A. Payment of Bills (taken 2nd from agenda), motion from Mr. Costa, second by Mr. Thibodeau. 5 to 1 vote w/Ms. MacBeth voting no.

B. Award of Bid (taken 3rd from agenda) motion by Mr. Wagner to piggyback state bid less \$ expected by state – expect pay out all this year's budget and wait for reimbursement from state. Second by Ms. Beaulieu. All in favor – All.

C. Vote to Approve Budget Transfers for FY 08 Budget – motion by Mr. Costa, second by Mr. Thibodeau. 5 to 1 vote – Ms. MacBeth voted no.

Personnel –

Reported out vote

Mr. Thibodeau made a motion to table Superintendent's contract extension up to 3 years pending evaluation. Second by Mr. Wagner. All in favor 2 to 1 w/Ms. MaBeth voting no.

Consent Agenda –

Motion by Mr. Costa to pull out facilities, Second by Ms. MacBeth. 5 to 1 vote w/Mr. Crowley voting no.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda by Mr. Wagner. Second by Ms. Beaulieu. All in favor – All.

Motion to approve facilities by Mr. Costa, second by Mr. Wagner. All in favor – All.

Motion to approve executive session minutes for 3/20/09 by Mr. Wagner, second by Mr. Thibodeau. All in favor – Mr. Wagner, Mr. Thibodeau, Ms. MacBeth, Ms. Beaulieu.

Abstain – Mr. Costa, Mr. Crowley.

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Personnel Recommendations –

Leaves of Absence

Cristina Kernick, Special Educator, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 5/19/2008 to the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion to APPROVE by Mr. Costa, Second by Mr. Wagner, ALL in favor: ALL

Dorian McCormack, School Psychologist, at Cumberland High/Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 4/21/2008 with a return to work date of 6/2/2008. Motion to APPROVE by Mr. Costa, Second by Mr. Wagner, ALL in favor: ALL

Barbara Thornton, Building Secretary, at Cumberland High School, effective 4/30/2008 with a return to work date of 6/26/2008. Motion to approve by Mr. Wagner, Second by Mr. Costa, ALL in favor: ALL

New Business –

Vote to Approve 2008-2009 School Calendar – Motion to approve by

Mr. Wagner, Second by Mr. Thibodeau. Move to TABLE by Mr. Crowley, Second by Mr. Thibodeau. All in Favor – ALL.

Comments from the Public – Rosemary Reilly-Chammat spoke about importance of strategic planning. Jim McLaughlin spoke about getting facilities ready.

School Committee Comments –

Ms. Beaulieu spoke of Exchange City, Destination Imagination, Underage Drinking, BAAM – school fundraiser, CHS2010 Rededication Committee.

Ms. MacBeth spoke of Special Education Advisory Committee, Tracking.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion to APPROVE, Mr. Mr. Wagner, Second by Mr. Costa. All in Favor-ALL

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Karen MacBeth, Clerk

Meeting Notes typed by Cynthia Chabot

Meeting Notes Reviewed and Revised by Karen MacBeth, Clerk